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Labor Market Review

TEXAS EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION FEBRUARY 1987 AUSTIN, TEXAS 78778

ALL ESTIMATES FOR 1986 REVISED

All civilian labor force and nonagricultural wage and salary employment estimates for 1986 have been revised. The 1986 revised estimates appearing in this issue are not comparable to any previously published data for 1986. These revisions utilize the most recent data available to reflect a refinement of previously published estimates.

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment estimates for 1985 have also been revised. Revisions of civilian labor force estimates for 1980-1985 are currently in progress and should be available within the next month. Tabulations of revised data for the State and specific MSA's may be obtained by writing to the Texas Employment Commission, TEC Building, Austin, TX 78778. Please specify the areas for which data is needed.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Jan. 1987	Dec. 1986	Jan. 1986
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	117,704.0	118,049.0	115,431.0
Unemployment	8,620.0	7,461.0	8,472.0
Percent Unemployed	7.3	6.3	7.3
Total Employment	109,084.0	110,588.0	106,959.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	119,034.0	118,586.0	116,786.0
Unemployment	8,023.0	7,949.0	7,831.0
Percent Unemployed	6.7	6.7	6.7
Total Employment	111,011.0	110,637.0	108,955.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	8,208.6	8,317.5	7,923.4
Unemployment	806.8	724.1	545.3
Percent Unemployed	9.8	8.7	6.9
Total Employment	7,401.8	7,593.4	7,378.1
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	8,293.0	8,354.0	8,006.0
Unemployment	796.0	804.0	533.0
Percent Unemployed	9.6	9.6	6.7
Total Employment	7,497.0	7,550.0	7,473.0

REVIEW OF 1986 ECONOMIC TRENDS IN TEXAS

The Texas economy was badly hurt in 1986 by sharp declines in three major industries. Plummeting foreign oil prices decimated the oil and gas industry, while a glut of vacant housing and office space created an abrupt downturn in construction. Over 80,000 jobs were lost in mining and construction between 1985 and 1986, and cutbacks in related manufacturing industries were numerous. Only two major sectors -- services and government -- recorded increases of any magnitude over the year, but these gains were not sufficient to nullify the larger losses. The over-the-year decrease in nonagricultural wage and salary employment represented the largest annual decrease in this series in over two decades.

Mining, the hardest-hit industry sector, lost 50,400 jobs between 1985 and 1986, for a 19 percent decrease. It is unlikely that this industry will reach peak levels again, as the current crisis has brought home the uncertainty of dependence on oil and gas as the underpinning of the State's economy. The speculative building of both residential and office space kept construction booming until it was evident in 1986 that most areas were vastly overbuilt, and activity came to an abrupt halt. Some 30,300 jobs were lost between 1985 and 1986 -- a seven percent decrease.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Jan.'87*	Dec.'86**	Jan.'86**	Jan.'87*	Dec.'86**	Jan.'86**	Jan.'87*	Dec.'86**	Jan.'86**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	49,700	50,300	54,100	77,800	78,700	79,500	361,200	364,400	362,100
Manufacturing	4,800	4,900	5,200	9,800	9,800	9,500	39,600	39,800	41,000
Mining	2,300	2,300	3,700	1,300	1,400	1,700	1,000	1,000	1,100
Construction	2,300	2,300	2,700	3,900	4,000	4,200	21,700	21,900	25,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,500	2,500	2,600	5,900	6,000	6,300	11,400	11,400	11,200
Trade	13,800	14,200	14,900	23,100	23,700	23,800	81,300	83,300	81,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,600	2,600	2,600	4,300	4,300	4,400	25,600	25,700	25,000
Services & Misc.	13,100	13,100	13,900	16,000	16,100	15,800	83,200	83,400	81,800
Government	8,300	8,400	8,500	13,500	13,400	13,800	97,400	97,900	95,900
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
TOTAL	126,500	129,600	131,700	55,400	56,800	58,600	65,600	65,900	65,400
Manufacturing	24,000	24,800	26,000	15,000	15,200	16,300	9,700	9,900	9,500
Mining	1,600	1,500	2,400	1,300	1,300	2,000	100	100	100
Construction	7,300	7,500	8,600	5,500	5,600	6,000	2,800	2,800	3,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,500	9,500	10,100	2,200	2,200	2,500	3,100	3,200	3,300
Trade	31,400	32,900	31,800	10,700	11,300	11,200	17,800	17,800	17,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,500	5,600	5,600	2,000	2,000	2,200	3,300	3,300	3,500
Services & Misc.	27,200	27,500	27,300	7,700	7,700	7,900	13,400	13,400	12,900
Government	20,000	20,300	19,900	11,000	11,500	10,500	15,400	15,400	15,300
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 2/		
TOTAL	46,100	47,900	48,700	128,700	129,200	131,700	1,319.7	1,333.0	1,336.6
Manufacturing	2,900	2,800	3,400	11,800	11,800	12,600	223.8	224.1	228.4
Mining	800	800	1,000	6,200	6,300	7,500	19.1	19.3	23.6
Construction	2,100	2,100	2,400	8,000	8,000	8,500	70.1	72.1	88.4
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,600	1,600	1,600	7,100	7,100	7,600	86.3	86.7	85.6
Trade	10,700	11,000	10,800	34,300	34,600	33,800	356.6	363.6	358.4
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,700	1,900	6,900	6,900	6,900	132.2	133.1	131.1
Services & Misc.	7,600	7,700	7,700	27,300	27,300	27,400	283.0	284.9	281.7
Government	18,700	20,200	19,900	27,100	27,200	27,400	148.6	149.2	139.4
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	183,300	185,500	182,000	509,900	515,200	507,800	69,200	70,100	70,100
Manufacturing	34,300	35,200	36,200	112,500	114,900	114,600	9,000	9,200	9,500
Mining	200	200	200	3,400	3,400	4,200	400	400	700
Construction	9,400	9,700	9,700	29,500	29,400	32,300	4,500	3,700	4,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	10,100	10,200	9,900	27,400	27,300	26,200	4,400	4,800	4,700
Trade	45,400	46,500	44,700	136,100	139,000	136,100	13,200	13,800	13,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	9,800	9,600	9,500	28,500	28,600	28,200	4,600	4,600	4,500
Services & Misc.	35,300	35,300	33,600	109,300	109,500	103,600	12,700	12,800	12,200
Government	38,800	38,800	38,200	63,200	63,100	62,600	20,400	20,800	20,300

The slowdown in mining and construction led to further layoffs in affiliated manufacturing industries, pulling the employment level down by 38,100 over the year, for a four percent decline. About three-fourths of the manufacturing losses were concentrated in durable goods, where such sectors as nonelectrical machinery (which includes oil field machinery), primary metal industries, and lumber and wood products suffered cutbacks during 1986. Nondurable goods was hurt more by foreign competition than by changes in the Texas economy, as factories making clothing and other products continued relocating overseas where costs are cheaper.

Government recorded the largest growth during the past year, with the local sector generating over two-thirds of its increase. Services created the majority of the private (non-governmental) jobs in 1986, while finance, insurance and real estate managed a small advance and transportation and public utilities reported a modest drop. Declines outweighed increases in wholesale and retail trade, pushing the trade sector down over the year.

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT TRENDS

There were over 800,000 unemployed Texans in January 1987, an increase of 82,700 from December 1986. The actual Statewide unemployment rate rose from 8.7 percent to 9.8 percent over the month, almost three percentage points above the January 1986 rate

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Jan.'87*	Dec.'86**	Jan.'86**
HOUSTON 2/			
TOTAL	1,370.1	1,389.3	1,451.0
Manufacturing	146.9	147.9	164.9
Mining	63.6	64.8	83.3
Construction	84.1	86.2	98.2
Trans., Comm., & Util.	92.0	92.5	97.6
Trade	352.1	365.3	370.3
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	100.8	101.5	106.3
Services & Misc.	341.2	342.0	341.2
Government	189.4	189.1	189.2
LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			
TOTAL	65,100	65,500	67,400
Manufacturing	14,900	14,800	15,800
Mining	3,500	3,600	4,600
Construction	3,100	3,200	3,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,100	3,100	3,400
Trade	17,300	17,500	17,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,300	3,400	3,200
Services & Misc.	11,400	11,500	11,500
Government	8,500	8,400	8,300
MIDLAND			
TOTAL	44,300	44,500	49,500
Manufacturing	3,100	3,100	3,800
Mining	9,000	8,800	11,500
Construction	1,600	1,600	2,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,200	2,200	2,500
Trade	10,600	11,000	11,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,900	2,900	3,100
Services & Misc.	8,600	8,600	9,200
Government	6,300	6,300	6,100
SAN ANTONIO			
TOTAL	493,100	497,300	489,000
Manufacturing	46,600	47,000	49,600
Mining	2,800	2,600	3,200
Construction	32,100	32,800	36,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	18,000	18,000	19,200
Trade	130,200	132,900	126,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	38,600	38,900	37,900
Services & Misc.	115,300	115,800	110,400
Government	109,500	109,300	105,900
TYLER			
TOTAL	60,800	61,300	61,700
Manufacturing	11,000	11,100	11,400
Mining	1,900	1,800	2,500
Construction	2,800	2,800	3,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,700	2,700	3,000
Trade	16,500	16,600	16,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,600	3,800	3,800
Services & Misc.	13,400	13,600	12,600
Government	8,900	8,900	8,600
WICHITA FALLS			
TOTAL	49,900	50,300	51,300
Manufacturing	8,100	8,100	8,000
Mining	2,000	2,000	2,900
Construction	2,000	2,000	2,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,700
Trade	12,300	12,500	12,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,400	2,400	2,400
Services & Misc.	11,100	11,100	10,900
Government	9,400	9,600	9,700

Industry	Jan.'87*	Dec.'86**	Jan.'86**
KILLEEN-TEMPLE			
TOTAL	67,700	68,300	66,700
Manufacturing	8,500	8,400	8,600
Mining	100	100	100
Construction	3,800	3,700	3,800
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,700	2,800	2,800
Trade	16,200	16,700	15,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,000	3,000	3,000
Services & Misc.	13,800	13,800	13,000
Government	19,500	19,800	19,500
LUBBOCK			
TOTAL	89,900	92,700	90,600
Manufacturing	7,200	7,300	7,700
Mining	300	300	500
Construction	3,200	3,300	4,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	4,500	4,700	4,800
Trade	27,700	28,900	27,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,300	5,400	5,200
Services & Misc.	20,600	20,900	19,600
Government	21,100	21,900	21,200
ODESSA			
TOTAL	43,300	44,100	51,000
Manufacturing	3,700	3,600	4,800
Mining	6,100	6,100	8,900
Construction	2,400	2,500	3,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,000	2,200	2,300
Trade	13,000	13,500	14,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,600	1,600	1,800
Services & Misc.	7,100	7,200	7,800
Government	7,400	7,400	7,500
SHERMAN-DENISON			
TOTAL	38,100	38,200	37,800
Manufacturing	11,100	11,100	11,700
Mining	100	200	200
Construction	1,800	1,700	1,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,100	2,100	2,000
Trade	8,900	8,900	8,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,400	1,400	1,400
Services & Misc.	7,600	7,600	7,500
Government	5,100	5,200	5,100
VICTORIA			
TOTAL	28,100	28,400	29,200
Manufacturing	2,800	3,100	2,900
Mining	1,900	1,900	2,600
Construction	1,800	1,800	2,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,500	1,600	1,600
Trade	8,200	8,100	8,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,500	1,500	1,700
Services & Misc.	6,000	5,900	5,800
Government	4,400	4,500	4,300

Industry	Jan.'87*	Dec.'86**	Jan.'86**
LAREDO			
TOTAL	35,100	35,000	34,800
Manufacturing	1,800	1,800	2,000
Mining	1,800	1,700	2,000
Construction	1,300	1,300	1,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	4,000	4,000	3,900
Trade	10,200	10,400	10,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,600	1,600	1,600
Services & Misc.	6,000	6,000	5,600
Government	8,400	8,200	8,000
MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION			
TOTAL	89,000	88,100	87,400
Manufacturing	13,000	12,300	12,100
Mining	1,100	1,200	1,500
Construction	4,700	4,700	4,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,800	2,800	2,800
Trade	25,900	25,800	26,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,900	3,900	3,900
Services & Misc.	13,900	13,700	13,700
Government	23,700	23,700	22,600
SAN ANGELO			
TOTAL	36,700	37,300	37,800
Manufacturing	5,800	5,900	5,600
Mining	600	600	900
Construction	2,000	2,000	2,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,200	3,200	3,400
Trade	9,200	9,600	9,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,800	1,800	1,800
Services & Misc.	7,500	7,500	7,600
Government	6,600	6,700	6,700
TEXARKANA			
TOTAL	45,200	45,700	45,300
Manufacturing	7,100	7,200	7,200
Mining	--	--	--
Construction	1,400	1,400	2,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,800	1,800	1,900
Trade	11,300	11,500	10,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,900	1,900	1,900
Services & Misc.	9,100	9,200	8,900
Government	12,600	12,700	12,300
WACO			
TOTAL	77,600	79,100	78,100
Manufacturing	14,800	15,200	16,200
Mining	100	100	100
Construction	3,800	3,800	4,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,500	3,500	3,400
Trade	18,900	19,400	18,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,800	4,800	4,700
Services & Misc.	19,400	19,700	19,100
Government	12,300	12,600	12,100

* Preliminary -- subject to revision. ** Revised.

1/ Estimates prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

2/ In Thousands.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

Industry	Jan. 1987*	Dec. 1986**	Jan. 1986**	Change From Dec. 1986	Change From Jan. 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT±	6,471,800	6,538,800	6,648,300	-67,000	-176,500
Manufacturing	941,000	944,800	976,900	-3,800	-35,900
Durable Goods	541,400	545,300	570,300	-3,900	-28,900
Lumber & Wood Products	36,500	36,500	38,000	0	-1,500
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,300	7,300	6,900	0	400
Furniture & Fixtures	16,900	16,900	17,600	0	-700
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	44,600	45,000	48,700	-400	-4,100
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	19,600	20,100	22,400	-500	-2,800
Primary Metal Industries	27,500	27,600	32,000	-100	-4,500
Fabricated Metal Industries	74,200	74,600	80,000	-400	-5,800
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	37,200	37,500	40,400	-300	-3,200
Machinery, Except Electrical	102,200	102,900	118,600	-700	-16,400
Oil Field Machinery	23,500	23,500	37,200	0	-13,700
Electric & Electronic Equipment	119,300	119,200	116,000	100	3,300
Transportation Equipment	85,700	87,500	83,000	-1,800	2,700
Aircraft & Parts	50,200	50,100	43,400	100	6,800
Instruments & Related Products	21,600	21,900	23,400	-300	-1,800
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	12,900	13,200	13,000	-300	-100
Nondurable Goods	399,600	399,500	406,600	100	-7,000
Food & Kindred Products	97,400	97,400	96,100	0	1,300
Meat Products	27,100	27,300	26,100	-200	1,000
Dairy Products	4,900	4,900	4,900	0	0
Bakery Products	10,700	11,100	10,700	-400	0
Malt Beverages	3,100	3,100	3,000	0	100
Textile Mill Products	4,100	4,000	4,500	100	-400
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	49,700	49,900	55,400	-200	-5,700
Paper & Allied Products	23,200	23,300	23,100	-100	100
Printing & Publishing	76,900	77,100	75,800	-200	1,100
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	38,900	39,100	38,000	-200	900
Chemicals & Allied Products	73,600	73,400	76,500	200	-2,900
Petroleum & Coal Products	33,800	33,500	35,000	300	-1,200
Petroleum Refining	30,500	30,200	31,600	300	-1,100
Leather & Leather Products	6,800	7,100	7,600	-300	-800
Other Nondurable Goods	34,100	33,800	32,600	300	1,500
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,530,800	5,594,000	5,671,400	-63,200	-140,600
Mining	191,000	191,400	248,000	-400	-57,000
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	10,400	10,500	10,900	-100	-500
Oil & Gas Extraction	180,600	180,900	237,100	-300	-56,500
Construction	378,900	385,800	426,700	-6,900	-47,800
Transportation & Public Utilities	374,200	374,600	375,700	-400	-1,500
Railroad Transportation	21,400	21,400	22,500	0	-1,100
Transportation, Except Railroads	190,300	190,700	186,400	-400	3,900
Transportation by Air	52,200	51,600	47,000	600	5,200
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	85,300	85,700	88,500	-400	-3,200
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	77,200	76,800	78,300	400	-1,100
Electric Services	42,700	42,900	43,000	-200	-300
Gas Production & Distribution	27,200	26,900	28,500	300	-1,300
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,659,800	1,699,500	1,690,800	-39,700	-31,000
Wholesale Trade	415,400	417,200	440,600	-1,800	-25,200
Retail Trade	1,244,400	1,282,300	1,250,200	-37,900	-5,800
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	44,000	44,600	49,900	-600	-5,900
General Merchandise Stores	168,400	181,000	164,400	-12,600	4,000
Food Stores	233,400	239,900	226,700	-6,500	6,700
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	133,200	134,500	139,000	-1,300	-5,800
Apparel & Accessory Stores	81,000	88,300	85,600	-7,300	-4,600
Eating & Drinking Places	395,400	398,600	387,000	-3,200	8,400
Other Retail Trade	189,000	195,400	197,600	-6,400	-8,600
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	443,400	444,900	446,200	-1,500	-2,800
Banking	99,800	100,500	106,300	-700	-6,500
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	136,000	136,500	134,200	-500	1,800
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	207,600	207,900	205,700	-300	1,900
Services	1,349,900	1,359,800	1,360,500	-9,900	-10,600
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	83,000	84,200	83,300	-1,200	-300
Personal Services	81,400	82,400	81,400	-1,000	0
Business & Repair Services	360,400	365,500	376,500	-5,100	-16,100
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	49,200	50,400	47,400	-1,200	1,800
Health Services	375,800	375,200	363,100	600	12,700
Educational Services	69,500	70,800	70,400	-1,300	-900
Other Services & Miscellaneous	330,600	331,300	338,400	-700	-7,800
Total Government	1,133,600	1,138,000	1,123,500	-4,400	10,100
Total Federal Government	192,600	192,800	191,600	-200	1,000
Total State Government	242,200	243,700	231,400	-1,500	10,800
Total Local Government	698,800	701,500	700,500	-2,700	-1,700

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.
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	Jan. '87*	Dec. '86**	Jan. '86**	Jan. '87*	Dec. '86**	Jan. '86**	Jan. '87*	Dec. '86**	Jan. '86**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	55,400	55,800	55,400	98,600	100,400	97,500	432,300	437,800	412,600
Total Unemployment	5,700	5,000	3,200	7,000	6,200	5,800	29,500	25,800	18,000
Percent Unemployed	10.3	9.0	5.8	7.1	6.2	5.9	6.8	5.9	4.4
Total Employment 2/	49,700	50,800	52,200	91,600	94,200	91,700	402,800	412,000	394,600
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	160,500	162,200	159,500	79,500	81,500	78,600	95,300	95,700	89,900
Total Unemployment	23,400	19,900	20,100	9,300	8,500	7,000	15,800	14,100	12,200
Percent Unemployed	14.6	12.3	12.6	11.7	10.4	8.9	16.6	14.7	13.6
Total Employment 2/	137,100	142,300	139,400	70,200	73,000	71,600	79,500	81,600	77,700
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	55,200	57,500	55,900	167,400	168,000	159,800	1,420.5	1,440.8	1,371.7
Total Unemployment	3,800	3,600	2,700	22,400	20,500	15,300	94.8	82.6	63.3
Percent Unemployed	6.9	6.3	4.8	13.4	12.2	9.6	6.7	5.7	4.6
Total Employment 2/	51,400	53,900	53,200	145,000	147,500	144,500	1,325.7	1,358.2	1,308.4
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	226,700	231,100	213,800	665,200	671,800	626,400	106,100	106,900	103,500
Total Unemployment	26,600	24,800	19,400	51,800	43,000	30,500	12,500	11,300	10,200
Percent Unemployed	11.7	10.7	9.1	7.8	6.4	4.9	11.8	10.6	9.9
Total Employment 2/	200,100	206,300	194,400	613,400	628,800	595,900	93,600	95,600	93,300
	HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,594.4	1,620.2	1,586.1	89,500	90,500	84,500	45,800	45,400	41,300
Total Unemployment	174.9	160.9	120.2	7,600	6,900	5,700	8,800	7,700	5,100
Percent Unemployed	11.0	9.9	7.6	8.5	7.6	6.7	19.2	17.0	12.3
Total Employment 2/	1,419.5	1,459.3	1,465.9	81,900	83,600	78,800	37,000	37,700	36,200
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	80,500	80,700	78,100	110,600	113,800	107,200	149,800	150,400	138,700
Total Unemployment	10,200	9,300	7,500	7,600	6,800	6,300	32,100	29,800	25,300
Percent Unemployed	12.7	11.5	9.6	6.9	6.0	5.9	21.4	19.8	18.2
Total Employment 2/	70,300	71,400	70,600	103,000	107,000	100,900	117,700	120,600	113,400
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	51,400	51,900	52,200	58,300	59,200	59,800	45,200	46,100	44,000
Total Unemployment	5,900	5,500	2,800	9,300	9,000	3,800	3,400	3,100	2,000
Percent Unemployed	11.5	10.6	5.4	16.0	15.2	6.4	7.5	6.7	4.5
Total Employment 2/	45,500	46,400	49,400	49,000	50,200	56,000	41,800	43,000	42,000
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	592,300	599,100	556,500	49,000	49,600	46,400	57,700	58,200	55,600
Total Unemployment	51,700	45,100	32,800	4,300	3,900	2,600	5,400	4,900	4,700
Percent Unemployed	8.7	7.5	5.9	8.8	7.9	5.6	9.4	8.4	8.5
Total Employment 2/	540,600	554,000	523,700	44,700	45,700	43,800	52,300	53,300	50,900
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	76,600	77,700	73,000	38,300	38,500	37,100	91,900	93,700	87,300
Total Unemployment	7,600	7,300	5,100	4,200	3,700	2,500	8,100	7,600	5,400
Percent Unemployed	9.9	9.4	7.0	11.0	9.6	6.7	8.8	8.1	6.2
Total Employment 2/	69,000	70,400	67,900	34,100	34,800	34,600	83,800	86,100	81,900
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	57,400	57,800	55,600				8,208.6	8,317.5	7,923.4
Total Unemployment	5,300	4,600	3,300				806.8	724.1	545.3
Percent Unemployed	9.2	8.0	5.9				9.8	8.7	6.9
Total Employment 2/	52,100	53,200	52,300				7,401.8	7,593.4	7,378.1

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).
2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.
3/ In Thousands.
*Preliminary -- subject to revision. **Revised.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Jan.± 1987	Dec. 1986	Jan. 1986	Jan.± 1987	Dec. 1986	Jan. 1986	Jan.± 1987	Dec. 1986	Jan. 1986
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 404.33	$ 411.60	$ 398.13	41.3	42.0	41.3	$ 9.79	$ 9.80	$ 9.64
Durable Goods	390.04	407.46	393.65	41.1	42.4	41.7	9.49	9.61	9.44
Lumber & Wood Products	281.07	285.93	276.86	40.5	41.2	40.3	6.94	6.94	6.87
Furniture & Fixtures	266.13	249.60	242.97	39.9	39.0	39.0	6.67	6.40	6.23
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	382.89	397.25	381.05	41.8	42.9	43.9	9.16	9.26	8.68
Primary Metal Industries	417.74	422.50	413.28	40.4	40.9	39.7	10.34	10.33	10.41
Fabricated Metal Products	364.67	373.50	367.77	40.7	41.5	41.0	8.96	9.00	8.97
Machinery, exc. Electric	398.52	422.00	408.24	40.5	42.2	42.0	9.84	10.00	9.72
Oil Field Machinery	409.17	459.15	476.86	36.5	40.1	42.2	11.21	11.45	11.30
Electric & Electronic Equip.	421.68	444.97	430.86	42.0	44.1	43.0	10.04	10.09	10.02
Transportation Equipment	517.02	556.96	535.52	42.8	44.7	42.3	12.08	12.46	12.66
Instruments & Related Prod.	342.86	344.66	337.39	39.5	40.5	40.6	8.68	8.51	8.31
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	249.46	267.11	264.37	37.4	38.6	40.3	6.67	6.92	6.56
Nondurable Goods	422.66	417.25	403.51	41.6	41.6	40.8	10.16	10.03	9.89
Food & Kindred Products	364.17	346.09	343.96	42.1	41.3	42.1	8.65	8.38	8.17
Meat Products	302.45	271.76	285.23	42.3	39.5	41.7	7.15	6.88	6.84
Malt Beverages	882.26	821.96	800.70	50.3	47.9	47.1	17.54	17.16	17.00
Textile Mill Products	315.95	318.96	314.43	45.2	45.5	44.6	6.99	7.01	7.05
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	195.60	192.88	189.49	37.4	36.6	36.3	5.23	5.27	5.22
Paper & Allied Products	463.03	463.32	465.84	43.6	44.0	43.7	10.62	10.53	10.66
Printing & Publishing	385.14	388.00	370.88	39.3	40.0	38.0	9.80	9.70	9.76
Chemicals & Allied Products	647.36	649.93	621.62	42.9	43.3	42.9	15.09	15.01	14.49
Petroleum & Coal Products	683.65	674.96	653.62	43.6	43.8	43.2	15.68	15.41	15.13
Petroleum Refining	711.31	701.80	682.08	43.8	44.0	43.5	16.24	15.95	15.68
Leather & Leather Products	205.88	226.24	209.81	37.5	40.4	37.2	5.49	5.60	5.64
Other Nondurable Goods	392.82	399.97	380.84	45.1	47.0	42.6	8.71	8.51	8.94
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	494.34	501.74	519.48	42.0	41.5	44.4	11.77	12.09	11.70
Oil & Gas Extraction	493.50	500.11	525.95	42.0	41.4	44.8	11.75	12.08	11.74
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	503.69	509.54	420.74	41.8	41.8	38.6	12.05	12.19	10.90
Commun., exc. U. S. Postal Service	486.78	488.71	473.61	39.9	39.7	39.5	12.20	12.31	11.99
Elec., Gas & San. Services	436.17	421.79	458.45	40.2	39.2	39.9	10.85	10.76	11.49
Wholesale & Retail Trade	221.27	225.78	226.80	31.7	32.3	32.4	6.98	6.99	7.00
Wholesale Trade	378.07	382.31	381.84	39.3	39.7	39.9	9.62	9.63	9.57
Retail Trade	173.17	178.49	176.70	29.4	30.1	30.0	5.89	5.93	5.89
General Merchandise Stores	171.05	194.30	171.92	27.5	29.8	28.0	6.22	6.52	6.14
Banking	268.23	266.92	263.09	37.1	37.7	37.8	7.23	7.08	6.96

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 398.05	$ 408.96	$ 388.10	41.9	42.6	41.2	$ 9.50	$ 9.60	$ 9.42
Durable Goods	422.00	438.05	412.41	42.2	43.2	41.7	10.00	10.14	9.89
Nondurable Goods	359.35	359.81	347.44	41.4	41.5	40.4	8.68	8.67	8.60
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	413.34	428.00	403.24	41.5	42.8	41.7	9.96	10.00	9.67
Durable Goods	433.05	453.10	423.95	41.8	43.4	42.1	10.36	10.44	10.07
Nondurable Goods	362.64	361.79	349.61	40.7	41.3	40.7	8.91	8.76	8.59
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	483.84	485.70	468.29	43.2	43.6	41.7	11.20	11.14	11.23
Durable Goods	405.77	417.41	410.59	42.4	43.3	41.6	9.57	9.64	9.87
Nondurable Goods	573.30	564.52	544.28	44.1	44.0	41.9	13.00	12.83	12.99
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	305.45	309.09	300.77	41.0	41.6	40.7	7.45	7.43	7.39
Durable Goods	334.40	333.23	331.08	40.0	40.1	42.5	8.36	8.31	7.79
Nondurable Goods	276.78	286.38	271.83	42.0	43.0	39.0	6.59	6.66	6.97

*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.
SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

of 6.9 percent. Total employment declined over the month, to 7,401,800 in mid-January. Much of the over-the-month decline in employment was seasonal, as workers hired for Christmas were laid off. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Texas remained unchanged from December to January, at 9.6 percent.

Some 67,000 nonagricultural wage and salary jobs were lost in January, as every major industry sector recorded declines. The bulk of the reduction occurred in the nonmanufacturing sector. Trade alone cut almost 40,000 positions, as jobs created to cope with the Holiday rush were deleted, primarily in the retail sector. Most of the loss of almost 10,000 jobs in services in January was also seasonal.

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Although poor weather was a factor, the majority of the almost 7,000 jobs firms in construction cut in January were due to a lack of ongoing projects. Government declined by 4,400 over the month, as local and state educational facilities let workers go between semesters. The downturn in mining continued to be insignificant in January, as only 400 additional jobs were lost; and transportation and public utilities also recorded a decrease of 400.

Manufacturing employment continued to slide downward over the month, with all of the major declines in the durable goods sector, which dropped by 3,900. The largest of the decreases occurred within transportation equipment, where a large company shut down temporarily for retooling, releasing 1,800 workers. Nonelectrical machinery suffered a smaller downturn, as orders for metalworking machinery, computing and accounting equipment, and farm and garden machinery declined. Moderate decreases were reported in most other sectors of durable goods in January.

Small gains and losses were interspersed throughout nondurable goods over the month, leaving the total virtually unchanged. Small declines were evident in apparel and other textile products, paper and allied products, printing and publishing, and leather and leather products in January. Modest increases in chemicals and allied products and petroleum and coal products kept employment in this sector stable.

HOURS AND EARNINGS DECLINE

The number of manufacturing production workers in Texas declined from 609,300 in December to 603,700 in January. Average weekly hours worked decreased by 0.7 hour in January, while average hourly earnings dropped by 1¢, pushing average weekly earnings down by $7.27. Compared to a year ago, average weekly hours were unchanged and average hourly earnings had risen 15¢, pushing average weekly earnings up by $6.20.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	Jan. 1987	Jan. 1986
Total Population	16,834,800	16,525,000*
% UI Covered Unemployment	2.8	1.9
UI Covered Employers	314,010	314,403
Total Claims Actions	950,328	704,414
Total Initial Claims Actions	102,377	95,240
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	847,951	609,174
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$156.41	$148.96
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$114,950,561	$77,706,604
Total Placements	23,467	32,375

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